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## Thoughts on POETRY and MUSICK : By Dr. IVIatts.

$\mathbf{P}^{\circ}$OETRY raifes our dying Religion to a heavenly Degree, and kinules a Hhme of holy Love and Jovin the Hears. If the Memory be weil pored with devout Song, we thal: never leat a Lofs fur divine Meditation: We mav ex !! the Praitio of God and ous Saviour at all Times, and feel rar Solis borne up, a in the Wiags of Angel, far above :the clafxy Globe of Earth. till we have loft all is flate:it flarmes, and its paint: Vexations. Poefy was birit detigned for the Scuice of Religion, and dedicated to the Temple. Mefes and david made divine and ihutinco: Uhe of is.

The Art of SINGiNG is a moft charming Gift of the God of Nature, and defigned for the Solace of our Sortows and the Improtement of our Joys. I hofe voung. Pertons who are bleit w ith a mufical Ear and Veice, thuuld have fome Ir Aruction begowed on them, that they may aeqaire this dalightfu: Skill. I am furry that the preneit Part of our Songs, whereby yourg Ceritemen and L.adies are calughe in praceife th.s lit, 2 e of wice a i.urou. Kind, and fome of them polluted too. Wi!. no happy Genius lend a helping Hand to !efoce Mufick fiom sll is Defilemenss, and io furtiti the Tongue with notbitr and more refined Melou's? - But Singisg anth nut le hamed alune.

Various Harmony both of ike Winn and Steing, were orice in U'fe in Divine Worthip, and that by Divine Appointment. It is certain then that the "'fe of thefe Inttuments in common Life is no unlawfiul Prattice, thongh the New Tellament ha; not ordained the Ufe of it in wangelical Worninp. But if the Voice be happily capable of his sire, it is rreferable to all Inftrumeuts fahioned and compered by Mann: This is an Organ formed and tuned by Cod himfelf. It is moit eafily kept in Exercife, the Skill is retained longeff, and the Pleafure tranfcen is all the Reft. Where an Ode of woble and feraphick Compofure is fet throughout to Mufick, and fung by an artol Vivice, while the Spirit at the fame Bine enjoys a devout Temper, the Joys of the Soul and the Senfe are united, and it approaches to the icrintural, JHeas of the celeftial Sínte.

Happy the Youth whe has a bright and harmonious Conftitution, nit! a pions'Rura of Soul, a chearfur Spirit, and a Relißa of facrod Meloly! He takes a frequent Flight abuve this lower Worlt, bey and the Regions of Sunfe al at Tine; the juins the Confort of the heavenly Inhaiditants and fectis to ancicipate the Bufinefs and the licticadnefo of licruity.

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A N ingenious Hand having prepared Infructions to direct them that would earn to fig Psalms after a rerular Manner ; and it being
thought proper that we fhould fignify unto the Publick rome of our Sentiments on this Occafion; We do declare, that we rejoice in good Helps for a beautiful and luda

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laudable Performance of that holy the Confequence of it will be, Service, wherein we are to glorify GOD, and edify one another with the fpiritual Songs, wherewith he has enriched us.

And we would encourage all, more particularly our Young People, to accomplifh themfelves with Skill to fing the Songs of the Lord, according to the grood Rules of Pfalmody: Hoping that Concern of all may be, to make

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it not a meer Bodily Exercije, which they fing, and affected but fing with Grace in their with them; fo that in their Hearts, and with Minds attentive to the Trutbs in the Psalms to the Lord.

Peter Thacher 7ofeph Sewall Thomas Prince Fobn Weble
William Cooper Thomas Foxcroft Samusl Cbeckley.

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Benjamin Wadfworth
Benjamin Colman
Nathanael Williams
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of David. Witnefs the modern Performances both in the Theatres and the Temple.

Singing is reducible to the Rules of Art; and he who has made himfelf Mafter of a few of thefe Rules, is able at firft Sight to fing Hundreds of New Tunes, which he never faw or heard of before, and this by the bare Infpection of the Notes, without hearing them from the Mouth of a Singer : Juft as a Perfon who has learned all the Rules of Reading, is able to read any new Book, without any further Help or Iuftruction. This is a Truth, although known to, and proved by many of us, yet very hardly to be received and credited in the Country.

What a Recommendation is this then to the following Effay, that our Infuructions will
give you that Knowledge in vocal Mufick; whereby you will be able to fing all the Tunes in the World, without hearing of them fung by another, and being conftrained to get them by Heart from any other Voice than your own? We don't call him a Reader, who can recite Memoriter a few Pieces of the Bible, and other Authors, but put him to read in thofe Places where he is a Stranger, cannot tell ten Words in a Page. So is not he worthy of the Name of a Singer, who has gotten eight or ten Tunes in his Head, and can fing them like a Parrot by Rote, and knows nothing more about them, than he has heard from the Voices of others; and fhew him a Tune that is new and unknown to him, can't ftrike two Notes of it.

Thefe Rules then will be ferviceable upon a threefold Account. Firft, They will initruct

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us in the right and true finging of the Tunes that are already inUfe in our Churches; which, when they firft came cut of the Hands of the Compofers of them, were fung according to the Rules of the Scale of $M u f i c k$, but are now miferably tortured, and twifted, and quavered, in fome Churches, into an horrid Medly of confufed and diforderly Noifes. This muft neceffarily create a moft difagreable Jar in the Ears of all that can judge better of Singing than thefe Men, who pleafe themfelves with their own ill-founding Ecboes. For to compare fmall Things with great, our Pfalmody has fuffered the like Inconveniencies which our Foith had laboured under, in Cafe it had been committed and trufted to the uncertain and doubuful Conveyance of Oral Tradition. Our Tunes are, for Want of a Standard to appeal to in all our Singing, left to the Mercy of every
unfkilful Throat to chop and alter, twif nut change, according to their infinitely diver, wht no lefs odd Humours and Fancies. Thar thes is moit true, I appeal to the Experience ol than who have happened to be prefent in many of our Congregations, who will grant me, that there are no two churches that fing alike. I have my felf heard (for Inftance) Tune fung in tbree Churches (which I pu ly forbear to mention) with as much Diffitence as there, can poflibly be between York a ford, or any two other different Tunes. fore eny Man that pleads with me for what thay cali-the Old Way, I can confute him only by making this Demand, What is the OLD $\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{A}}$ ? ? Which I am fure they cannot tell. For, me Town fays, their's is the true Old WF ay, anutarr Town thinks the fame of their's, and fo does a Third of their Way of tuning it. But le fuch B

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Men know from the Writer of this Pamphlet (who can fing all the various Twiftings of the old Way, and that too according to the Genius of moft of the Congregations, as well as they can any one Way; which muft therefore make him a better Judge than they are or can be; ) affirms, that the Notes fung according to the Scale and Rules of Mufick, ate the true old Way. For fome Body or other didzompofe our Tunes, and did they (think ye) compofe them by Rule or by Rote? If the Latter, How came they pricked down in our P Palm Books? And this I am fure of, we fing them as they are there pricked down, and I am as fure the Country Pcople do not. Judge ye then, who is in the Right. Nay, I am fure, if you would once be at the Pains to learn our Way of Singing, you could not but be convinced of what I now affirm. But our Tunes have paffed through
ftrange Metamorpbofes (beyond thofe of Ovid) fince their firf Introduction into the World. But to return to the Standard from which we have fo long departed cannot fail to fet all to Rights, and to reduce the facred Songs to their primitive Form and Compofition:

Again, It will ferve for the Introduction of more Tunes into the divine Service ; and thefe Tunes of no fmall Pleafancy and Variety, which will in a great Meafure render this Part of Worhip ftill more delightful to us. For at prefent we are confined to eigbt or ten Tunes, and in fome Congregations to little more than half that Number, which being fo often fung over, are too apt, if not to create a Diftafte, yet at leaft mightily to leffen the Relifh of them.

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There is one more Advantage which will accrue from the Inftructions of this little Book; and that is this, That by the juft and equal Timing of the Notes, our Singing will be re'duc'd to an exact Length, fo as not to fatigue the Singer with a tedious Protraction of the Notes beyond the Compafs of a Man's Breath, and the Power of his Spirit: A Fault very frequent in the Country, where I my felf have twice in one Note paufed to take Breath. This Keeping of Time in Singing will have this natural Effect alfo upon us, that the whole Affembly fhall begin and end every fingle Note and every Line exactly together, to an Inftant, which is a wonderful Beauty in finging, when a great Number of Voices are together founding forth the divine Praifes. But for want of this, I have obferved in many. Places one Man is upon this Note, while another is a Note before him, which produces fomething fo hideous
and diforderly, as is beyond Expreffion bad. And then the even, unaffected, and fromats founding the Notes, and the Omiffion of thofe unnatural Quaverings and Turnings, will ierve to prevent all that Difcord and lengthy Tedi-oufnefs which is fo much a Fault in our finging of Pfalms. For much Time is taken up 13 fhaking out thefe Turns and Quavers; and befides, no two Men in the Congregation quaver alike, or together; which founds in the Ears of a good Judge, like five bundred different Tunes roared out at the fame Time, whofe perpetual Interfearings with one another, perplexed Jars, and unmeafured Periods, would make a Man wonder at the falfe Pleafure, which they conceive in that which good Judges of Mufick and Sounds, cannot bear to hear

There are the good Effects, which our Skil? in the Gamut will produce, We fhall hent
without any further Preamble, proceed to give the Reader fome brief and plain Inftructions for finging by Note and Rule.

## The Infrustions for finging.

I. There are in Nature but feven diffinct Sounds, every eighth Note being the fame. Thus when a Tune is fung by another upon a Key too low for the Compafs of my Voice, if I will fing with the Perfon, it muft be all the Way, eight Notes above him. I naturally found an Eigbth higher. So a Woman natusally ftrikes eight Notes above the grum and low founding Voice of a Man, and it makes no more Difference than the finging of two l'trons upon a IVnifon, or a Pitch. So on the contrary, when we would fing with a Voice too high and fhrill for us, we ftrike very naturally inte an OElave, or Eighth below. And
here let it be obferved, that the Heigbt of a Note and the Strength of finging it, are two different Things. Two Notes of equal Height may be founded with different Degrees of Strength, fo as that one fhall be heard much further than the other.
II. There eight Notes, for the fake of the Learner, are called by the Names, $F a, S o l, L a$, Mi. As thus,

> Fa Sol La Mi Fa Sal La Fa

Where it mult be obferved, that from $M \dot{1}$ to $F a$, as alfo from $L a$ to $F a$ is but a Semitone or Half-nate; and from $F a$, to Sol; from Sol to $L a$; and from $L a$ to $M i$, is a Tone, or whole Note.

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Nole. That is, in rifing from $M i$ to $F a$, or $L a$ to $F a$, I don't raife my Voice but half as much as in rifing from $F a$ to Sol, from Sol to $L a$, and from $L a$ to Mi. On the other Hand, when I fall from $F a$ to $M i$, or $F a$ to $L a$ immediately below it, I fall but half as much as I do from Mi to La, La to Sol, Sol to Fa immediately under it. And this you will perceive with your Ear when your Singing Mafter fhall have taught you to raife and fall your Notes. .
III. The Queftion then will be, How thall I know which is $L a, F a$ or $M i, F a$; and which is $F a$, Sol, and Sol, La, \&zc. that I may give the former the true Sound of an HalfNote, and the latter the Sound of an whole Note? For this End was the Gamut by Muficians conftructed and made, where there are Seven Letters of the Alphabet made ufe of to defign out the
feven Notes, in order to the Knowledge of their Names, Fa, Sol, La, Mi, and by Confequace the giving them their true and proper Sornt. As we faid before, every eighth Note is the fame, and that there are but feven diftinc: Sounds in Nature, fo there are but juft that Number of Letters, viz. the feven firt is the Alphabet, to defign and mark them out, every eighth Letter as well as Sound being the farne.

I hall here therefore prefent to the Reader's View a Gamut, containing all the uat Keys of Mufick, in all the divers Placinss nd Removes of the Notes Fa , Sol, La, Mi; and then explain it, which when we have finifned, and it is well ftudied by the Learner, it will be an eafy Matter, by the Application of the Gamut to any Tune, to name the Nores therecf.

IV. We fall now go on to give an Explanation of the Gomut, or the above marked Scale of Mufick. And here are (as the Reader may obferve with his Eye) upon the Gamut or Scale of Mufick two Marks, one over againft the uppermoft $G$ but one, (mark'd thus $g s$ ) the other over againft the lowermoft $F$ but one (mark'd thus $ך:$ :) thefe are called Cliffs, the former is called the $G$ fol re ut Cliff from the Place where it ftands; the other is the F fa ut Cliff, fo denominated from it's Station upon the Gamut. How they are both marked, you may fee yet plainer in the Begining of this Book. The firt of thefe is placed upon the Trebles, or upper Parts; and wherever it ftands upon your Tune, call the Line it fands upon $G$, as you find it flands upon the fame Letter in the Gamut. Then you are to call the Lines and Spaces above in order, $A, B, C, D, \& c$. as you find they are
fo called in the Gamut. Call the Lines and Spaces below this $G$ fol re ut Cliff $F, E, D, C, B$, $A, G, \& \mathrm{c}$. as you find they are placed in the fame wife upon the Gamut under the faid Cliff.
V. The other is the Cliff ufed upon the Bafs, or lower Parts of a Tune, and you are th call the Line it ftands upon $F$. Then the lines and Spaces above afcending are $G, A, B, i \times c$. thofe defcending are $E, D, C, B, A, G, \& \subset, j u f$ in the Order you find upon the Gamut. To illuftrate this by a familiar Infance, takeNotive, That any Tune is only fo manyLines and Spaces (upon which Notes may be placed) taken from the Gamut ; and that each Line and Space correfponds with the Line and Space anfwering it on the Gamut; and the fame Let. ter and Name is underfood to be thereupon, which is in the fame Places of the Gamut.
will then take the firt Line of Winajor Ireite


Here obferve everyLine and Space is marked at the Begining of the Tune with its proper Letter. Upon the loweft Line but one ftands the G foi re ut Cliff; which anfwers to the Line unon the Gamut where the fame $G$ fol re ut Cliff cioes ftand. If aNoote ftand upon thatLine I fay it ftands upon $G$, as you find the laft Note does fo. The Spaces and Lines above I call in the Order of afcending, and as they are there marked; $A, B, C, D, E, \mathcal{E}^{2} c$. I obferve on the Space above the Cliff $A$, as the Space above the $G$ fol re ut Cliff upon the Gamut, is $A$, as you will there find. And thercfore the two firft Fotes, and the two laft Notes but one, being a

Space above the $G$ Cliff, I fay they ftand on $\bar{A}$. The third and fifth Notes are on the Line above that Space, which is $B$, I fay therefore, they are in $B$. So the fourth Note is upon $C$. Thus are you firt of all to learn to name the Letters upon your Tunes from the Gaimut.

Again, let us take the Bafs of Windfor, the firft Line,


Firft of all obferve the Ffa ut Cliff, which fhe ws the Tune to be a $B a f s$; the Line it ftands upon you muft call $F$, then the Lines and Spaces below you are to call (gradually defcending) $E, D, C, B, A, G, F, \mathcal{E}^{2}$. The Lines and Spaces above you are to call, $\mathrm{G}, \mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}, \mathcal{E}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Thus in the

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Lsine before us, the firftNote ftands a Space and above the $F$ C'iff. I call the Cliff $F$, all the suace above, $G$, the Line above that, 2. which is the Place where the two firft vites ftand. I fay hen thoie two Notes ftand ippon A. The third Note $i$ but one Space aove the F Cliff, it ftands therefore upon $G$, hich is a Note above $F$. The fourth Note three Notes below the $F$ Cliff, I count nwards, and fay, $\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{E}, \mathrm{D}, \mathrm{C}$; that Note le core ftand upon C. And fo of all the reft the Notes by counting up or down from the you may find them.
ESere adain obferve that the Line of your 3. .1. which has the $F$ Ciiff upon it, anfwers to the Line on the Gamut, which has the fame liff laced upon it ; and the Spaces and Lines and below the $F$ Cliff upon the Tune are by the fame Letters, which are above and the fame Cliff upon the Ganut, From
hence it follows, that having found your Cliff and given it it's proper Name, it is ealy if name the refpective Letters, with which
Note in the Tune ftands, altho' the Letters are not aftually fet down upon thofe Lines $a n^{3}$ Spaces of the Tune.
VI. Having proceeded thus far, it will be no difficult Thing to name the Notes by the Syllables $F a$, \{ol La, Mi, in order to find which are half Notes and which are whol Notes; to give them their due and propel Sound. Mi is your Mafter Note; when have found which Note is Mi, call the Not's above Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La, thin the elght Note will be $M i$, according to the Rule bereme mentioned that every Eightb is the Same. you go over with the fame Notes agam, thil you come again to $M i$; and fo on foreve. The Notes below $M i$ are the fore-mentioncd C reverid
reverfed, $\mathrm{La}, \mathrm{Sol}, \mathrm{Fa}, \mathrm{La}, \mathrm{Sol}, \mathrm{Fa}$, then you come to Mi again, Ec. For Example

$\mathrm{Fa}, \mathrm{S} 3 \mathrm{l}, \mathrm{La}, \mathrm{Mi}, \mathrm{Fa}, \mathrm{Sol}, \mathrm{La}, \mathrm{Fa}, \mathrm{Sol}, \mathrm{La}, \mathrm{Mi}, \mathrm{Fa}, \mathrm{oo}$ ]
VII. The next Queftion then is, how to find $M i$, which having found, we may with Ease call the other Notes above of below by their proper Names ? And here the Anfwer is, That the natural Place for $M i$, is in $B$. Look - in the firn Column of the Gamut, and you will find Miupon B, which is the naturalliace for it. Sec for Example the firfLine of Winder Thimble.


Here I catt my Eye upon the $G C \cdot C^{\prime} ;$ I call the Line it itands upon $G$; the Space all vel call $A$, the Line above I call $B, \mathcal{E}^{\circ} c$. according to the Order of the Gamut. The two round Notes (which I have fo marked for Diftinction fake) ftand upon $B$, I call them $i v i$. The Note below I call La, the Note below that Vol, Etc. "The Note above I call $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{L}}$, if then were another above thar, I would call it Sol, and another above that, $I$ would call it $I a$, Et according to what we fard above. So that ftands upon the Line above the $G$ fol rom t Cl if a and fo you will find it upon the firth Column of the Gamut, where Mi flands upon the Ire above the $G$ Cliff, as it does upon this rube And the Notes above and below are called fly the fame Names, both upon the Tune end rite Gamut. So the Space above the Cliff, sp os both the Gamut and the Tune is called

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Tune before us, the firftNote ftands a Space and । hence it follows, that having found your Cliff a Line above the FCliff. I call the Cliff, $F$, and given it it's proper Name, it is eafy to $I$ call the Space above, $G$, the Line above that, $A$, which is the Place where the two firt Notes ftand. I fay then thofe two Notes ftand upon $A$. The third Note is but one Spacl above the F Cliff, it ftands therefore upon $G$, which is a Note above $F$. The fourth is three Notes below the F Cliff, I c nut downwards, and fay, $\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{E}, \mathrm{D}, \mathrm{C}$; that N therefore ftand upon C. And fo of all the reft of the Notes by counting up or down from the Cliff, you may find them.

Here again obferve that the Line of your Bafs, which has the F Cliff upon it, anfwers to theLine on the Gamut, which has the fame Cliff placed upon it; and the Spaces and Lines above and below the FCliff upon the Tune are called by the fame Letters, which are above and below the fame Cliff upon the Gamut. From
name the refpective Letters, with which every Noic in the Tune ftands, altho' the Letters are lopt actually fet down upon thofe Lines and Spaces of the Tune.
VI. Having proceeded thus far, it wil! no difficult Thing to name the Notes by the Syllables $F a$, Sol, La, Mi, in order to firnhich are half Notes and which are whole Nums; to give them their due and proper Sound. Wis your Mafter Note; when you have found which Note is $M i$, call the Notes above Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La, then the eighth Note will be $\overline{I L i}$, according to the Rule before mentioned tbat esory Figh tif is the fame. Then you go over with the rame Nows again, 'till you come again to Mi ; and fo or forever. The Notes below $M i$ are the fre-men ionec.
reversed, $L a, S o l, F a$, $L a, S o l, F a$, then you come to Mi again, Ec. For Example


Ta, $\mathrm{Ku}, \mathrm{La}, \mathrm{Mi}, \mathrm{Fa}, \mathrm{Sol}, \mathrm{La}, \mathrm{Fa}, \mathrm{Sol}, \mathrm{La}, \mathrm{Mi}, \mathrm{Fa} \mathrm{Sol}$ c VII. The next Queftion then is, how to find Mi, which having found, we may with Ease call the other Notes above or bel in by their proper Names? And here the Answer is, That the natural Place for $M i$ is in $B$. Look in the frt Column of the Gamut, and you will find Mi upon $B$, which is the natural Place for it. See for Example the first in of Wind for Treble.


LaLa Mi FaMiLaLa Sol

Here I cart my Eye upon the G Cliff; I call the Line it ftands upon $G$; the Space above I call $A$, the Line above I call $B, E^{3} c$. according to the Order of the Gamut. The two round Notes (which I have fo marked for Distinction's fake) ftand upon $B$, I call them $M i$. The Note below I call La, the Note below that Sol, $\varepsilon^{\circ} c$. The Note above I call $F a$, if there we another above that, I would call it Sol, and another above that, I would call it $L a, \mathcal{E}^{\circ} c$. according to what we faid above. So that $M i$ funds upon the Line above the $G$ fol re ut Cliff, and fo you will find it upon the firft Column of the Gamut, where Mi ftands upon the Line above the $G$ Cliff, as it does upon this Tune. And the Notes above and below are called by the fame Names, both upon the Tune and the Gamut. So the Space above the Cliff, upon both -the Gamut and the Tune is called La.

So for a Bass, find your $F$ fa ut Cliff, call the
the Line it ftands upon $F$, then count the Lines and Spaces above or below by their refpective Letters, (according to the Rule before laid down concerning the Letters) until you come to that which you flound call $B$, and there is the Hlace for Mi. Eor Example, take the laft Line of Camúridge Sbort Bafs.

fa fol fa Mi la la
Firf, I caft my Eye upon the upper Line but one, there I find the $F$ Cliff. The Line it fiands upon I call $F^{\prime}$; then I defcend and call the Space below, $E$; the Line below that Space I call $D$; the Space below that Line $C$; the Linc below that is $B$, and there ftands your Mi ; (which for Diftinction fake is made round) So upon your Gamut (Column firft) run down
from the $F$ Cliff five Letters, and you rill find $B$, and $M i$ over againft it.
VIII. But then there are two ot ler "hers ufed in Mufick, which ferve to vary the $\nu$ /ace of $M i$. That is, to tranfpofe it from $A$ it's ndtural Place, to fome other Place on Lester. There are called, the one of them a 1 al; the other a Soarp. Their Marks fee in the Heginning of this Book. The B Flat doperfes a Note half a Sound lower. Thus we laid be fore, that from $N i$ to $F a$ is but an half Nuie; but if $M i$ have a Flat upon it, it is an whole Note from $N i$ to $F a$, that is $M z$ is an hals Note lower than it was before. The Sbarp ferves to raife a Note as much higher; thus from $L a$ to $F a$ afcending is but an half Note, but if $F$ be fhasped, it is an whole Note above $I a$. From La to Sol defcending is an whole Note, but if Sol be fharped (which is under $L a$ ) that $L a$ is but an

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half Note above; for it raifes Sol an half Note higher, and fo nearer to La. For Example.

$M i$, fa fa fa la fol la fol Mi fa Mi fa
So that the Flats are ufually put upon the half Notes $M i F a$, and $L a F a$, (that is the undermoft of them) to diftance them an whole Note from one another. The Sharp is put upon the whole Notes to make them but half a Note diftant, or upon the uppermof of two half Notes to make them an whole Note diftant. See the above cited Example, where the two firft Notes are half a Note's Diftance; the third and fourth are an whole Note's Diftance. The fifth and fixth are an whole Note's Diftance ; the feventh and eighth are an half Note's Diftance; the
ninth and tenth are an half Note's Diftance, and yet the eleventh and twelfth Notes, altho' upon the fame Place, are an whole Note diftant.
N. B. That the Flat alters the Name of the Note before which it is placed; the Sharp altho' it railes the Note, yet does not always change the Name.

Note alfo, That it is evident from the Gamut that the Flat makes a Note or Line, before which it is placed, half a Note lower; and a Sharp makes it as much higher. For look upon your Gamut, Column firft, and you will fee that from $B$ to $C$ is half aNote, viz. $M i, F a$; but look upon Column fecond, and you will find from $B$ to $C$ is an whole Note, as $F a$, Sol, that is, $\mathrm{Mi}, \mathrm{Fa}$, in the firf Column is turned into $F a$, Sol, becaufe $M i$ in the Column has a Flat upon it, which turns it into $F a$, altering the Name of the Note, and making it an half Note lower. So look upon Column firt
of the Gamut, and you will find, that from $E$ to $F$, which is there La, Fa, and inColumn fecond, where from $E$ to $F$ is $M i, F a$, is but half a Note, (as we faid in the former Part of this Book :) but in Column third, where $E$ is flatted from $E$ to $F$ is an whole Note, viz. $F a$, Sol..

So as the Sharps; from $E$ to $F$ in the firft Column is but half a Note, that is $L a, F a$; but in Column fourth, where $F$ is fharp'd, from $E$ to $F$ is an whole Note, that is La $M i$. And fo you may find it in the reft of the Columns, where there is a Sharp, it is placed upon that which was an half Note in the preceeding Column, to make it an whole Note, where it ftands; which is the Caufe of the Remove of the $\overline{M i}$, which is the Governor of the Semitone in every Column.
IX. This gives you the Reafon of the Removes of the $M i$; namely, the making the Semitones whole Tones, or the half Notes whole

Notes. So that Mi being but an half Note be low $F a$, the Flats or Sharps upon it making the Places of $M i$, and $F a$, an whole Note diftant, (and the fame holds good as to $L a, F a$, which are alfo half Notes, as well as $M i$, $\mathrm{F}\left(a_{2}\right.$ ) it follows that. Mi muft be removed.
X. The natural Place of $M i$ is in $B$; but the Flats and Sharps remove the $M i$. Theres fore what fhall I do to find my $M i$, when there are Flats or Sharps at the Beginning of the Tune? Now the Rules are thefe: The natural Place of Mi is in B ; but if B be flat, Mi is in E ; if B and E be flat, Mi is in A . Thus for the Flats. If F be fharp, Mi is in F ; if and C be fharp, Mi is in C ; and if $\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{C}$, and G , be fharp, Mi is in G . That is, look up $\quad \mathrm{B}$, and there is your Mi , unlefs you find a Flat placed upon it, and then count up to $E$, and there is your Mi ; but if a Flat be there 100 , count dow to $A$, and there is the Mi . O

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there be no Flats, but Sharps, look up to F, and if that be the fnarped Note, there is Mi; unlefs when you look down to C , and find it frarpec, and then is the Mii in C. Or, laftly, loois duwn to $G$, and if that be frarp'd too, the Mi is there. Take this fibort Scheme.

The natural Place for $\mathcal{M} i$, is in B, but if $\left.\begin{array}{l}B-\cdots \cdots \\ B \in E\end{array}\right\}$ be fat, Mi is in $\left\{\begin{array}{l}E \\ A\end{array}\right.$ And if


And when you have found your $M$, in any of 11 then Varintions, the Notes above are fin, Sir, $\mathrm{Ia}_{a}, \mathrm{Fa}$, Scl, Eec. ana below, La, Sol, Fi , Le, Sol, Erc. as before.
XI. The following fxamples will hew us the feveral Removes of LA ; and here the Rea-
der is defired to compare every Example with the Gamut, and he will find it anfwering, Note for Note; only he muft obferve the diftinct Columns of the Gamut. You will find the Letiers, the Notes, the Place of the Mi to correfpond exadly. So, compare the firf Column of the Gamut with the firft Example, where Mi is in B ; the fecond Example with the fecond Column, where B is fiat, and Mi is in E , and fo of the reft. The Tune will anfiver the Gamut in all Points, as much as the Figures and Inches upon two Carpenter's Squares are alike, and anfiver one another.

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## for Singing by NOTE.



LaMiFaSolLaFaSolLaMiFaSol


LaFaSolLaMiFaSolLaFaSolLa F fharp, Mi in F.


SolLaMiFaSolLaFaSolLaMiFa

F and C harp, Mi in C .


FaSolLaFaSolLaMiFaSolLaFa
$\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{C}$, and G harp, Mi in $\mathrm{G}_{9}$


FaSolLaMiFaSolLaFaSolLaMi

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We fhall now pars to give all thefe Examples of the Place of Mi in the Bais.

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Mi in B .


FaSolLaMiFaSolLaFaSolLaMi
$B$ flat, Mi in E .


B and E flat, Mi in A .


SolLaMiFaSolLaFaSolLaMiFa

F harp, Mi in F .


F and C flare, Mi in C .


F, C, and G Tharp, Mi in G.


LaMiFaSolLaFaSolLaMiFaSo!
XII. I told you before, that there Examples do exactly correfpond with the Gamut. We will put this a little into Practice. Take the lait Inftance, where you will find the F Cliff, which is the Mark of the Bafs. You fee that $\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{C}$ and G are tharped. Look upon the laft Column of your Gamut, and you will there find, F, C and G fhbrped. Take the upper Line of your Tune, which is marked with the F Cliff, place that Cliff upon the laft Column of the Gamut upon the faid Cliff in the Gamut ; you will find the Cliff ftands upon F, both in the Gamut, and the Tune, and that both on the one, and the other, the Name of the Note is La, and that both are fharped. Then look upon the Space above, in the Tune, and in the Gamut, and you will find a Sharp on both alike, and both have the Letter G upon them; and the Notes upon both are Mi , \&cc. And fo you will find as to all the reft of the Lines \& Spaces.

So you may compare the Treble, with the Gamut, by placing the $G$ fol re ut Cliff upon the fame Cliff in the Gamut ; and the Lines, Spaces, and Names of the Notes, as alfo all the Flats and Sharps, will anfwer one another.
XIII. Tunes are faid to be upon a flat Key; or a fharp Key. To know whether your Tune be upon a flat Key or a fharp Key, this is the general Rule. If the two Notes above the laft Note of your Tune be whole Notes, it is upon a fharp Key ; but if the two Notes above, be one an whole Note, and the other an half Note, then it is a flat Key. For Inftance, in Canterbury Tune, the laft Note is upon G, and is called Fa; the Notes above muft be Sol, La, which are two whole Notes, fo that from Fa to La is a greater Third. Again, in Windfor Tune, the laft Note ftands upon $A$, and is called La ; the Notes above are Mi, Fa. Now altho' from La to Mi be an whole Note,
yet from Mi to Fa is but an half Note, which makes it a leffer Third. The former is called by the Latins Diton Major; the latter Diton Minor. And La, Mi, Fa, making but a leffer Third, the Tune is upon a flat Key. For in Canterbury Tune, Fa, Sol, La, rifes half a Note higher than La, Mi, Fa. For the former confifts of two whole Notes; the latter of an whole Note and an half Note. And when you have learned to raife and fall the Notes, the Difference of the Sound will be perceptible by the Ear. From this Differerice of the greater and leffer Third, it follows, that Tunes upon Tharp Keys are more chearful, and fprightly, and therefore more fuitable to Pfalms of Praife and Thankfgiving. And the flat Keys being more gave and mournful, are therefore beit fet and fung to penitential Pfalms and melancholly Airs. Let any Man fing the Peniteriial Hymn in the following Collection of Tunes,
and he muft allow what I have been afferting: XIV. I cannot difmifs this Subject of the flat and fharpKeys, without fpeaking fomething of the old Way of naming the Notes from the Keys. Thus fay fome, if the Key be flat, Mi. is the Note above the Key; and if the Key be a fharp Key, the Note below is Mi . A Thing: which is abfolutely falfe. To name the Notes from finding the Key, is like drawing an univerfal Conclufion from particular and more reftrained Premifes. For altho' every Tune that has Mi above the Key Note, is upon a flat Key; and every Tune that has Mi below the Key Note, mult be upon a fharp Key; yet it is not reciprocally true, that every fiat Key has Mi above the Kcy Note; or that every fharp Key has Mi below the Key Note. For a Tune may end with Sol, and then Fa mult be the Note below the Key. And fo of others. It is fo in Playford's Tunes fet to Sternbold and Hopkins's

Hopkins's Verfion of the Pfalms : Where there -are particular Notes flatted and fharped, which they could not be if the Mi was where the old Way of finding it would place it. Be pleafed to look into thofe Pfalms, particularly on the Tune called, TheSong of the threeCbildren. You will there find the fecond Note of the Bafs, which according to the old Way of naming the Notes is calledMi, which is half aNote lower than the firft Note Fa ; and yet this Mi is fharped, which is a Thing needlefs, if it be Mi. But according to cur Gamut the firft Note of that Bafs is Sol, and the fecond Note is Fa, which becaufe it is an whole Note below Sol, is fharped to make it half a Note lower. So that Sol, Fa, Sol, with the Fa fharp, is founded like Fa, Mi, Fa, which Mi needs no Sharp, it being already but half a Note from Fa naturally, and fo does not want any raifing by aSharp. The fame you may obferve upon the thirdNote of the thirdLine
of that Treble, whofe proper Name is Fa , and is harped to make it a whole Note from La, the preceeding Note ; which Sharp were needlefs, if it were Mi , for Mi is an whole Note above La, without fharping of it. And the fame could I prove, if there were need, from the Flats on many Notes in thofe Tunes.
XV. The Notes inMufick do come under a furtherConfideration, and that is their Length, or Sbortness in the Timing of them. They are known by theNames of a Breve, Semibreve, Minim, Crotchet, Quaver, Semiquaver. Thefe two laft are feldom ufed in PfalmTunes, but are more frequent in Songs, Madrigals, and light Airs. The other better becoming the grave and folemn Worfip of the Femple.
As for their abjolute Length and Meafure of Time in founding; a Semibreve is founded in the Time that a Man may let fall his Hand flow. ly and raife it again; letting his Hand fall at
the frrt founding, \& taking it up when it is half done, which lifting up of the Hand finifhes it.

As for their comparative Length, one Breve contains two Semibreves, one Semibreve two Minims, one Minim two Crotchets, \&c. So that if a Semibreve is founding while a Mian lets fall his Hand and raifes it again, byConfequence a.Minim is founded while theHand is falling, and another Minim while it is rifing. - And two Crotcbets while it is falling, and two while it is rifing, \&xc. The Marks of thefe Notes may be feen in the Begining of this Book.
XVI. From this different Length of Notes, arifes what we call the Time of a Tune. Which is twofold, either common Time or triple Time. Common I ime is when all go by two, as one Breve is two Semibreves, one Semibreve is two Minims, and fo of the ref. But in triple Time all go by two except the Semibreve, which contains tbree Minims. Thus one Breve is twosemibrcves, one 1 .

Semibreve is three Minims, one Minim two Crob cbets, \&tc. So that in triple Time the Minim is one Third fwifter, \& muft be founded accordingly. And in triple Time you will find Semibreves and Minims mingled together, and for the moft part every other Note is a Minim. The Proportion of common Time to triple Time, is as Three to Two. See the following Schemes.

The Scheme of common Time.


The Scheme of triple Time.


You may obferve, that in the Scheme of triple Time above drawn, there is a Prick upon the right Side of the Note, which is by Muficians called a Prick of Perfection, which makes the Note before half as long again. Thus that Semibreve with a Prick is as long as a Semibreve and a Minim. Now if that Semibreve with a Prick after it, which makes it half as long again, be juft as long as the three Minims uncier it,
then if that Prick were taken away, it would be as long as but two of thofe Minims. Therefore in your triple Time Tunes (where there is no Prick after the Semibreve) the Semibreve is to be fung juft as long again as aMinim. Now one Minim and an half of a Minim in triple Time, is as long as one Minim in common Time; therefore the Semibreve in triple Time being unpricked, amounting to the Length of two Minims in the fame Time, it muft be as long as a Minim and a third of a Minim of common Time; that is aSemibreve in tripleTime is a Third fhorter than a Semibreve in common Time.
XVII. There are feveralAdjuncts of Mufick, fuch as a Repeat (whofe Mark fee at the Beginning of the Book) which fignifies, that that Part of the Tune which went before it, is to be fung over again. There is alfo a Direct (whofeMark alfo fee at the Beginning of the Book) which ferves
ferves to direct the Singer what Space orline the Note in the next Page fands. There is alfo a T'ye (fee the Mark thereof in the forementioned Place) which is to inform you, that two, or three, or as many Notes as it is put to, are to be fung to one Syllable.
XVIII. The laft Thing we have to treat of, is the Doserine of Concords and Difcords. It would be but an unintelligible Amufement to the vulgar Reader, (for whom this little Book is chieily defign'd) to give the phyfical and mathematical Solution of the Grounds, Caufe and Effects of Harmony, as alfo the Reafons of Defcant, which I might eafily do. II only fay, that among the feven Notes, (for there are no more in Nature, as we have already faid, every Eighth being the fame, only in an higher Key) a Third, leffer and greater, a Sixth, leffer and greater, a Fifth, leffer and greater areConcords. That is, if I found a Thirc, or Fifth, or Sixth
above another Man, my Voice founds harmonioufly with his. A Second and Seventh are Difcords; a Fourth is by fome accounted a Chord, by others a Difcord; but I am inclined to think the former.

Note alfo, if any Sound is a Chord, or Difcord to another, the Octaves, or Eighths of thofe Sounds are fo too. Take two Examples.


Here in the firft Example, the fecond Note is a Third above the firft, if they were both founded, they would be harmonious (a Third being a Chord) and fo is the upper Note, which is an Eighth above the fecond Note, the fame is a Chord to the firft and undermoft Note.

Note. So in the other Example, the fecond Note is a Second to the firt, which is a Difcord; and the upper Note being an Eighth above the Second, is alfo a Difcord to the firft and undermoft Note.

You will find many Inftances in the following Tunes, where a Note in the Bafs is more than eight Notes below the Note of the Treble anfwering to it. And when it is fo, fuch two Notes are a double Concord to one another, and are the fame in Nature as a fingle Concord. Thus an Eighth is the fame with a Unifon, a Ninth with aSecond, a Tenth with a Third, \&cc.

The Treble, Bafs, and Medius do not always begin upon a Pitch, fometimes three, fometimes eight Notes, \&cc. Diftance from one another. You may find their Diftance by cbferving the Letter; on which the firft Note of
each ftands. Thus if the firf Note of the Bafs ftands on $A$, and the Treble begins on $C$, they are a Third afunder. The Bars muft be begun a Third below.

Finally, Obferve, that Difcords are fometimes made ufe of in Mufick, to prepare the Ear by, their Harfhnefs, to relifh better the Sweetnefs andMelody of a following Concord. Thus oftentimes, there will be an imperfect Concord, then a Difcord, which is ttill more grating; this ferves to keep the Auditor in a longing Sufpence, till all the Parts fall into a perfect Set of Chords, which finifhes and compleats the Harmony, and itrangeiy charms the Hearer.

Here follow the Notes for tuning the Voice, and the Collection of Tunes fitted to our Palms.












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